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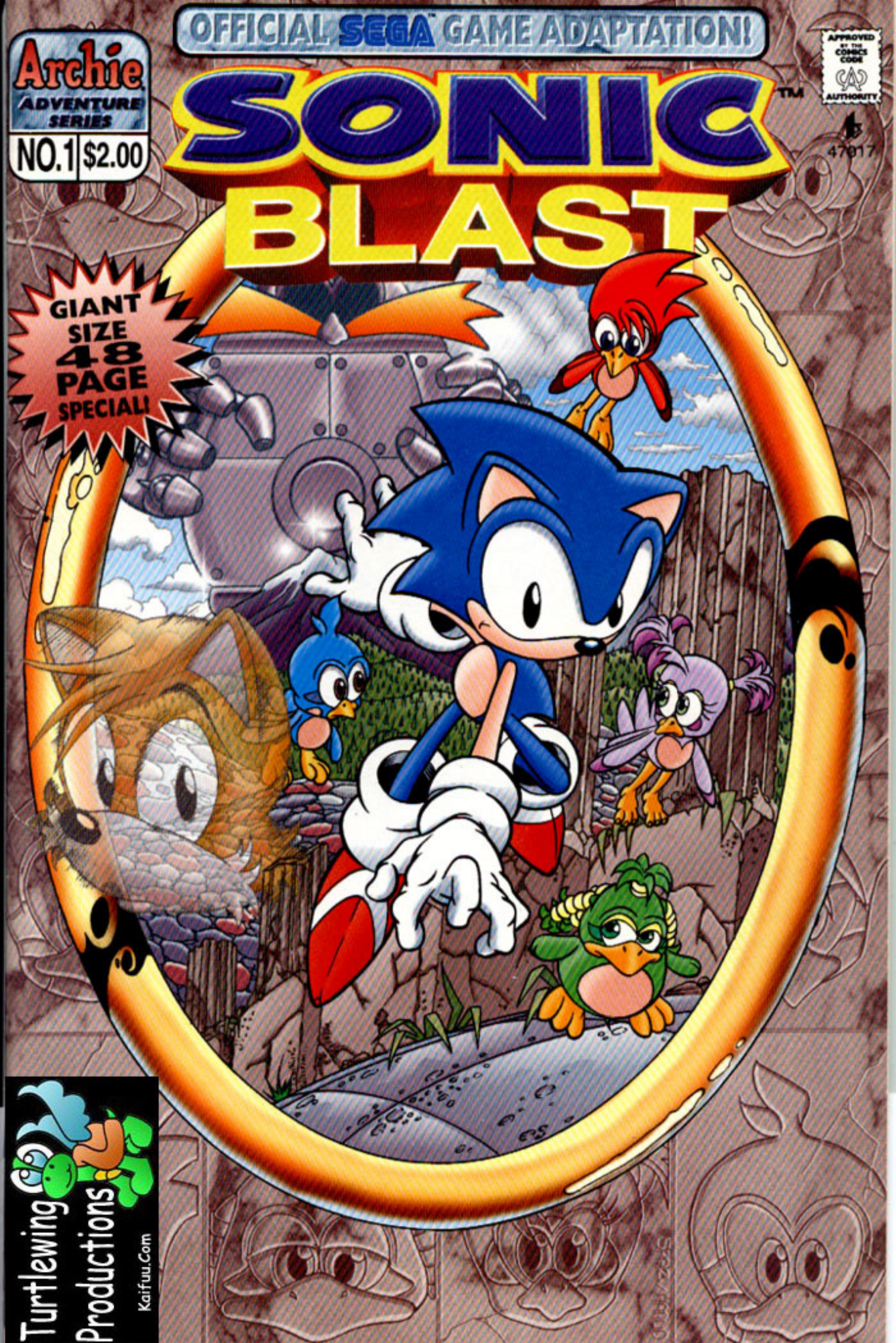

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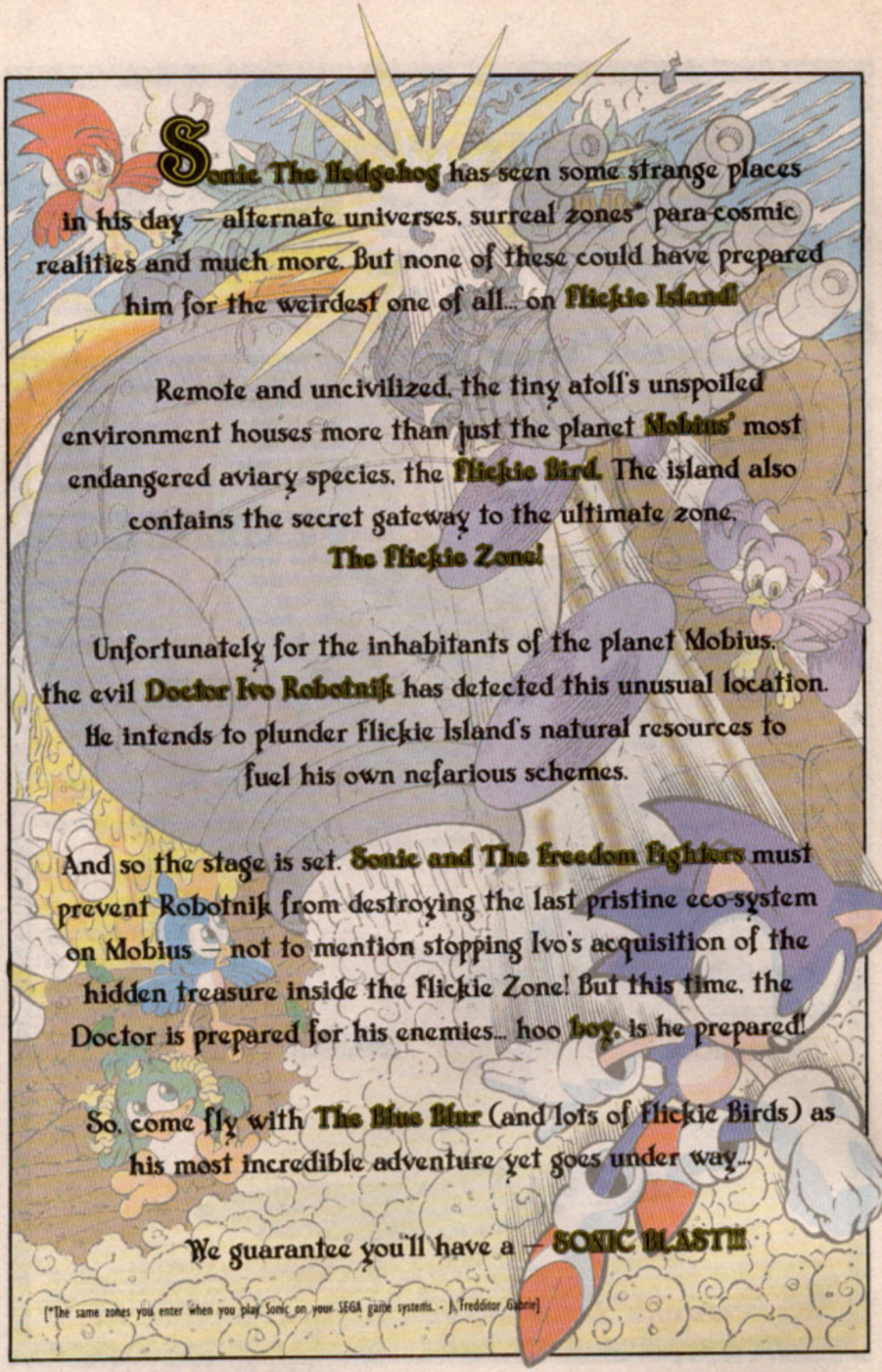

Sonic The Hedgehog has seen some strange places in his day — alternate universes, surreal zones* para-cosmic realities and much more. But none of these could have prepared him for the weirdest one of all... on **Flickie Island!**

Remote and uncivilized, the tiny atoll's unspoiled environment houses more than just the planet **Mobius'** most endangered aviary species, the **Flickie Bird.** The island also contains the secret gateway to the ultimate zone,
The Flickie Zone!

Unfortunately for the inhabitants of the planet Mobius, the evil **Doctor Ivo Robotnik** has detected this unusual location. He intends to plunder Flickie Island's natural resources to fuel his own nefarious schemes.

And so the stage is set. **Sonic and The Freedom Fighters** must prevent Robotnik from destroying the last pristine eco-system on Mobius — not to mention stopping Ivo's acquisition of the hidden treasure inside the Flickie Zone! But this time, the Doctor is prepared for his enemies... hoo **boy,** is he prepared!

So, come fly with **The Blue Blur** (and lots of Flickie Birds) as his most incredible adventure yet goes under way...

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[*The same zones you enter when you play Sonic on your SEGA game systems. - J. Fredditor Gabrie]

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

AND HIS COMPATRIOTS MUST NEVER HEAR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY, SNIVELY!

BUT OF COURSE, Oh KEEPER OF THE CELLULITE!

I WANT YOU TO ENGAGE THE SUPER SECRET SCRAMBLER TO PREVENT THIS COMMUNIQUE FROM BEING INTERCEPTED! HAVE YOU TAKEN CARE OF THAT?

Harumph! DON'T THINK I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY RECENT HUMILIATION UPON YOUR RETURN FROM THE DEATH EGG, IVO!* I WAS STUCK TO YOUR BUTT FOR DAYS!

Oh, I'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! ;Snicker:

SMASH

SNIVELY! ;BZZZT: YOUR SIGNAL IS BREAKING UP! ;KFSSSH:

*DID YOU MISS THE RECENT 3-PART EPISODE? CHECK OUT THIS ISSUE'S COUPONS FOR DETAILS!

;Chuckle: AND NOW YOU'RE ALL ALONE AND FAR, FAR AWAY WITH NO SWAT-BOTS TO PROTECT YOU! Heh-Heh! REVENGE WILL BE MINE AT LAST!

SNIV-- ;VRAAAAP: -LEY!

Ah, THAT'S BETTER! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!

JUST BRINGING YOU IN LOUD AND CLEAR!

SO YOU'LL BE HEARD BY YOUR ENEMIES--

"--THE KNOTHOLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!"

ARE YOU WATCHING "MOBIUS' MOST WANTED", ROTOR?

NO. OUR SATELLITE SCANNER IS INTERCEPTING ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S TRANSMISSIONS!

I'VE GOT A LOCK ON IVO'S LOCATION... AND HE'S ALL ALONE! I'LL CONTACT OUR LEADING MAN --

--SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! HE'S DOWN BY THE HARBOR--WHICH IS WHERE I WANT YOU TWO TO RENDEZ-VOUS, BECAUSE ROBOTNIK'S WAY OUT IN THE SOUTH MOBOCEAN!

HE SURE IS! WHAT WOULD OLD BLUBBER-BOLTS BE DOING IN SUCH A REMOTE LOCALE?

YOU LAUNCH YOUR BATHYSPHERE AND I'LL MEET YOU IN THE SEA FOX!

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PART 1

SOON:

THERE YOU ARE, SONIC!

IS ANYTHING WRONG? YOU LOOK UPSET!

:Sigh: WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW...

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA --AND THE CONFLICTING STORIES YOU'VE TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR PAST LIFE WITH HIM...*

Oh, PUH-LEEEEZE!

IF I HELD BACK OR BENT THE TRUTH A LITTLE, YOU KNOW I ONLY DID IT TO PROTECT EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET! THAT'S MY JOB AS PRINCESS!

*SALLY'S MEMORIES CHANGED BETWEEN **TRIPLE TROUBLE** AND **MECHA MADNESS** SPECIALS - "Gabby" Gabrie

HMF!

AND YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THE MAN I'M CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN HAS A BACK FULL OF BLUE BRISTLES...

SNORT

YOU KNOW HOW TO BRISTLE, DON'T YOU? YOU JUST PUT YOUR LIPS TOGETHER AND --

Huh?

:GULP:

BLOOOO

SHIP'S AHOY!

OH, MY!

YEEEOWW!

VZZZT

:Ahem!: YES--BACK TO BUSINESS! SONIC, JOIN YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS ROBO-SPOTTING!

Huh? WHAT -- WHERE?

TELL HIM, ROTOR!

HE'S CAMPED OUT ON A REMOTE ATOLL CALLED FLICKIE ISLAND!

ALL ABOARD PARTNER!

ZING

YOU CAN BE SURE IVO ISN'T ON VACATION! OFF YOU GO, MEN-- AND GOOD LUCK!

PUNK

ONCE AROUND THE PARK, MY GOOD WALRUS!

NEXT STOP...

FLICKIE ISLAND! A MOST REMARKABLE ATOLL--

--WHERE THE FLORA AND FAUNA BLOOM NOT WITH FLOWERS, BUT WITH PRECIOUS GEMSTONES!

DIAMONDS, RUBIES, PEARLS, SAPPHIRES-- THE MONETARY VALUE IS INCALCULABLE! BUT WEALTH HAS NO MEANING TO ME...

FITCKY! FITCKY!

FITCKY!

FITCKY!

FITCKY!

HOWEVER, THE GEMOLOGICAL POTENTIAL DOES! IF SUCH A PLACE AS THIS EXISTS, THEN AT ITS HEART MUST BE THE ULTIMATE SACRED STONE...

A CHAOS EMERALD!

THE MOST POWERFUL NATURAL FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE! WITH IT, I SHALL RULE THIS PLANET AT LAST!

Flicky!

I CAME ALONE BECAUSE I KNEW HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO ENSLAVE THE NATIVE SPECIES OF THE ISLAND...

Flicky!

...THE FLICKIE BIRD! A CURIOUS FOWL THAT FEEDS ON THE BEJEWELED PLANT LIFE! BUT BEST OF ALL, FOOLISHLY FRIENDLY!

Flicky!

BECAUSE IT HAS NO NATURAL PREDATORS, THE FLICKIE BIRD DOES NOT FEAR STRANGERS!

Flicky!

A DEADLY MISTAKE WHEN THE STRANGER'S NAME IS *IVO ROBOTNIK!*

Flicky!

Flicky!

THE PERFECT SPECIMEN TO TEST MY LATEST COMPACT SIZE *ROBOTICIZER!*

TOOT

Flicky!

:Chortle: YES! IT WORKS PERFECTLY! IN NO TIME, I SHALL HAVE A MECHA-ARMY OF FLICKIEBOTS!

PTUI

Flicky!

AND SO...

GO FORTH, MY LOVELY FLICKIEBOTS! PATROL THE COASTLINE OF YOUR ISLAND AND KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT FOR INVADERS WHO WOULD **DARE** IMPEDE MY DESTINY!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

AND NOW TO FIND A NORMAL FLICKIE BIRD...

...AH, THERE'S ONE NOW!

I'LL SCARE IT AND HE'LL FLY TO SAFETY...

BOO!

FITCKY!

ATTABOY! GO FOR THE GREEN!

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU! TAKE ME TO YOUR CHAOS EMERALD!

FITCKY! FITCKY!

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PART 2

HERE... WE'RE APPROACHING FLICKIE ISLAND!

COME IN, TAILS! DO YOU SEE THAT SWARM HEADING OUR WAY FROM THE LAND MASS!

AFFIRMATIVE! I'LL INVESTIGATE! SWITCHING TO HEADSET!

BE CAREFUL LITTLE BUDDY!

CHILL, ROTOR! I'VE PROVED MY MATURITY IN DOWNUNDA BY TAKING ON A HORDE OF CROCK-BOT'S MECHA-MUTTS, THE WING DINGOES!*

I'LL RECON AND REPORT AT FOUR HUNDRED FEET, BUT IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A FLOCK OF THE RARE FLICKIE BIRD--

*YOU SAW IT HAPPEN IN THE 3-ISSUE **TAILS** MINISERIES.--Jaygee

:Ouch: MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

Flicky!

THEY'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED INTO DEADLY BIRD-BOTS! AAAGH!

Flicky!

THIS CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THAT MECHA-LOMANIAC, ROBOTNIK!

GET OUT OF THERE, TAILS!

Cuh-CAN'T MANEUVER--

THEY'VE STOPPED MY TAIL BLADES FROM SPINNING! I'M DITCHING!

BRACE FOR IMPACT!

GABLOOSH

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

REMARKABLE! WHEN THE ROBO-BIRDIES CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE SALT WATER THEY REVERTED TO THEIR NORMAL FORM!

HAPPENS ALL THE TIME IN ZONES!* YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL SET OFF THE TRANSFORMATION!

:Glurble:

*SONIC REFERS TO THE ZONES THAT APPEAR WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA GAMES - Editor/Plugmiester

ARE YOU HURT, DOUBLE WAG?

HERE COMES ANOTHER BUNCH OF THE NASTIES!

JUST MY PRIDE!

WATCH OUT-- THEY'RE FEROCIOUS!

FITCHY!

BUT I'M FEROCIOUSLY *FAST!* WATCH THIS--IF YOU CAN!

SUPER SLO-MO SONICAM

1 FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE, SONIC SCOOPS UP A HANDFUL OF SEA WATER--

2 --BEFORE THE PHYSICS OF DISPLACEMENT CAN HAPPEN, SONIC FORMS IT INTO A BALL--

3 --HURLS IT AT THE ONCOMING FLICKIEBOT--

4 --HITTING IT SQUARELY TOTAL ELAPSED TIME: .0000000000001 MILLISECOND.

THAT CLINCHES IT! SALT WATER REVERSES THE ROBO-MODE ON FLICKIE BIRDS!

YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT TO DO!

FITCHY!

YES, INDEED!

TAKE THAT BEACH, MEN! I'M GOING IN SEARCH OF ROBO-BUTT!

MAN, WHEN SONIC CUTS THROUGH THE WATER, HE CUTS THROUGH THE WATER!

SURF'S UP!

ZWHOOOSH

HERE COME FLICKIEBOT RE-INFORCEMENTS! LET'S GET READY!

MAN YOUR WEAPON!

SEMPER FI! SEMPER FI!

CHUK

Flicky!

GESUNDHEIT!

CH-CHCK

Flicky!

NO THAT'S OUR BATTLE CRY! LET'S TAKE 'EM OUT!

Flicky!

Flicky!

CHAAARGE!

I KNEW THESE RAPID FIRE SUPER SOAKERS WOULD COME IN HANDY FOR A PICNIC OR SOMETHING!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT IT'D BE USED LIKE THIS?!

SPUSH

Flicky!

Flicky!

POUR IT ON! (NO PUN INTENDED)

Flicky!

GWALP

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky-Flicky!

I'M ESTABLISHING A BEACHHEAD!

Flicky!

Flicky!

LOOK OUT--

ANOTHER SQUADRON ATTACKING OUR FLANK! IT LOOKS GRIM!

MEANWHILE...

WHAT AN AMAZING LANDSCAPE! THE BUSHES AND TREES BLOOM JEWELS! AND THOSE LITTLE FLICKIE BIRDS ARE EVERYWHERE!

FLICKY!

FLICKY-FLICKY!

HELP ME OUT, CHUM! HAVE YOU SEEN ROBOTNIK?

FLICKY!

Hmm-- I NEVER WAS MUCH OF A CARICATURIST, BUT MAYBE HE'LL RECOGNIZE THIS!

FLICKY-FLICKY!!!

THAT SET HIM OFF! HE'S FLYING IN A TIGHT RING...

Hmm-- A MAGIC RING?

FLICKYFLICKY FLICKY!

Whoa! THERE HE GOES-- FLYING OVER A SET OF THE BIG BOY'S BOOTPRINTS!

ZIP!

FLICKY...

AT THE END OF THE FOOTPRINT TRAIL...

AHA! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! A GIGANTIC MAGIC RING SERVING AS A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL!

I KNEW THESE FLICKIES AND THEIR BIZARRE WORLD HAD TO COME FROM OUTSIDE THE NORMAL MOBIAN REALITY!

FITCKY!

FITCKY!

FITCKY!

SUCH AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION CAN ONLY BE POWERED BY A CHAOS EMERALD!

A CHAOS EMERALD THAT WILL SOON COME INTO THE POSSESSION OF IVO ROBOTNIK!

THE ULTIMATE POWER IS JUST A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP AWAY!

FITCKY!

YOU CAN SKIP THAT JUMP, HOPHEAD!

GADZOOKS! THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BEEEEEEEEEEEE

FITCKY!

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PART 3

YOU'VE INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS FOR THE LAST TIME! NOW OUR FINAL CONFRONTATION BEGINS!

Flicky!

WHY DON'T WE JUST CUT TO THE CHASE, TUBBO? TURN YOURSELF IN AND AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY OILSHED!

SHED THIS, HEDGEHOG! MY GAUNTLET-MOUNTED PARTICLE-BEAM!

VRAPT

GREAT BALLS OF CHOLESTEROL-- IT *VAPORIZED* HIM!

KTOW

WRONG AGAIN! THAT WAS THE IMAGE OF ME MOVING AWAY AT DOUBLE LIGHT SPEED! AND NOW FOR A SUPERSONIC WEDGIE!

Yeeeep!

:Blush: OF ALL THE NERVE! :Sputter: HOW DARE YOU!

C'MON, IVO... LET ME HEAR YOU SAY "UNCLE"!

NEVER! FLICKIE ISLAND WILL BE MINE!

OKAY, YOU ASKED FOR IT, FLABBIO...

NO, YOU DID WHEN YOU ALLOWED OUR NOSES TO MEET! OBSERVE THE NEURAL DISRUPTION FIELD -- TUNED TO MY PHYSIOLOGY, BUT A SHOCKING JOLT TO YOURS!

AGH!

Homina Homina Homina...

Haw! SONIC IS TOO DISORIENTED TO STOP ME THIS TIME!

Flicky!

TO THE VICTOR GOES THE CHAOS EMERALD!

Huh?...HEY! COME Buh-BACK HERE!

VRUMM

IVO'S GOT A HEAD START, BUT I'LL ACCELERATE WITH MY FIGURE EIGHT!

HOLY BUCKETS! I'M FEELING RATHER *FLICKIE!*

Flicky...

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

HAW! SONIC WAS ILL-PREPARED FOR ME TO AMBUSH HIM IN MY NEW AND IMPROVED TECHNO BODYSHELL BATTLESUIT!

Flicky!

THAT'S A NASTY EXO-SKELETON HE'S GOT...

SPECIAL BONUS PIN-UP!
SONIC VS. ROBOTNIK
IN THE FLICKIE ZONE!*

OW!

Flicky!

...BETTER START JUICIN'!

...GAVE ME...

...ENOUGH EXTRA POWER TO CRACK THIS ROBOHUSK!

NOOO!

HANG A LOWIE...

...THAT HIDDEN SPIN-WHEEL...

ABANDON SHIP!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

BRAMM

STAND BACK, BIRDS!

Flicky!

Flicky!

Flicky!

MISSED ME BY 5,280 FEET!

THE KIND OF HELP...

Flicky!

YEE-HAW!

ZING

Flicky!

ALL KIDDING ASIDE, I NEED HELP DEALING WITH OLD IRONSIDES!

Oh, NO... :Choke: IS THIS THE END OF RICO--Err... I MEAN ROBO?

Flicky!

Flicky!

*WHICH YOU CAN PLAY ON YOUR SEGA GENESIS--Fred-Guy

C'MON--GET UP! I FEEL LIKE HUMILIATING YOU FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF PAGES!

HOW FORTUITOUS OF YOU TO GRAB ME BY THE CAPE...

...THE CAPE THAT I CONTROL BY ELECTRO-MAGNETICS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC!

HEY--

MMp!

AND DON'T BOTHER TO STRUGGLE! MY CAPE IS MADE FROM THE STRONGEST FIBER IN THE WORLD-- PLAIDMANTIUM!

TIMMBER!

SNUMMUNF!

Flicky!

Urrgh! THE ROBO-RAT'S GOT ME THIS TIME! AND HE'S SPOTTED THE LOCATION OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!

Ahhh--AT LAST! A GREEN LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

Flicky!

SHORTLY...

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW THESE FOOLISH FOWL WOULD WASTE THE LIMITLESS POWER OF THE EMERALD AS A SCULPTURE DECORATION!

WELL, I'M ABOUT TO DO A LITTLE REDECORATING!

:Huff: :Puff:
SUCH SIMPLE MINDED FEATHER-BRAINS!
:Gasp:
SQUANDERING ALL THIS BEAUTIFUL POTENTIAL EVIL...
:Wheeze:... ON A STUPID STATUE!
FLICKY!
POP
FLICKY!
Bwa-Ha-Haaaa! I PUT NO FAITH IN SUCH PAGANISM!
:Uip: THEN AGAIN... A LITTLE RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE ISN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA!
GRRRR...
FLICKY!
RUMBLE
FLICKY!
HOLY CANNOLI! THE GRAVEN IDOL'S ROAR HAS SET OFF A TRANSDIMENSIONAL REALITY-QUAKE!

YIPE! I RECOGNIZE THAT SENSATION! I FELT IT ONCE BEFORE WHEN SUPER SONIC AND HYPER-KNUCKLES DESTROYED THAT ZONE!*

*SONIC REFERS TO THE EVENTS IN SUPER SONIC Vs. HYPER KNUCKLES SPECIAL -- JG

EGAD! THE FLICKIE ZONE IS COLLAPSING UPON ITSELF! EVEN THE MAGIC RING GATEWAY IS SHRINKING AS I SPEAK!

?

FITCKY!

ROBO'S RIGHT! I'VE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE! THIS SCENE'S GIVING ME BAD VIBES--

WAIT-- THAT'S IT! IF I VIBRATE AT MAXIMUM SPEED THE ATOMS IN MY SPINES WILL PASS THROUGH THE PLAIDMANTIUM CAPE!

VRRRMMMM

BIP

IT WORKED-- I'M FREE!

HOLD THE DOOR 10-W-40 BREATH!

WHAT THE-- SONIC? IMPOSSIBLE!

NO! STAY AWAY... DON'T--

WHOOOUF!

BWONK

COMIN' THROUGH!

HEY! NOT TOO ROUGH! I ALMOST DROPPED THE CHAOS EMERALD!

AAARRR! THE PORTAL RING IS CLOSING! HELP ME, HEDGEHOG!

:Grumble: IT'S HARD TO BE A HERO SOMETIMES...

COME ON ALREADY! STOP WORRYING ABOUT THAT!

OWWWWW! Nuh-N-NO! MUST :EEYOWTCH: HAVE EMERALD...

WILL YOU GET OVER IT BEFORE YOU LOSE YOUR ARM?!

BACK INSIDE:

Flicky!

CHOMP

GNYAAA!

$#!@! SOMETHING BIT ME...

GOOD! IT HAD TO BE A FLICKIE BIRD!

I LOST THE GEM! WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT IT?

IT MEANS THAT ALL THE FLICKIES ARE ALIVE AND WELL--AND OUT OF YOUR REACH!

NOT ALL, HEDGEHOG! I STILL HAVE MY AIRBORNE FLOCK OF MECHA-FLICKIES!

I BEG TO DIFFER, DOOFUS!

WE RETURNED THE BIRD-BOTS TO THEIR NORMAL ANATOMY--AFTER WHICH, THEY ALL FLEW INTO THE MAGIC RING!

THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF YOUR ROBOTICIZER, CHUBBS!

CLANK

NO-HO-HOOOO-OOOO...DEFEATED AGAIN!

C'MON, DUDES! LET'S BLOW THIS POP STAND!

NOW HOLD ON! YOU DESTROYED MY EXOSKELETAL BATTLESUIT THAT FLEW ME HERE! HOWAM I SUPPOSED TO GET HOME?

YOU'RE NOT! FLICKIE ISLAND IS NOW YOUR PRISON FOR A FEW CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS, IVO! BON VOYAGE!

WAIT--COME BACK! DON'T MAROON ME ON THIS REMOTE ATOLL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!

CAREFUL--YOU'RE LEAVING AN OIL SLICK ON THE WATER!

Putter... Choke... Gurgle...

GET READY-- HERE IT COMES!

I HATE YOU HEDGEHOG!

Ahhh--THAT'S TRAVELLIN' MUSIC TO MY EARS!

FITCKY!

THE END

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What a Blast!

hope you enjoyed our adaptation to the new "SONIC 3-D BLAST" game. If you haven't played the game yet, you have to make an appointment to do so right away. The people at SEGA of America were nice enough to allow little ol' me to try the game out (two months before it would invade stores all over) when we started on this issue. Honored as I was, I tried the game out as soon as got home, and was flabber-BLAST-ed to the Nth degree... as I'm sure you will be too. Remember-- "save those Flickie birds!" Its not just a slogan... It's a way of life. I'm also here to remind you to keep reading **" SONIC-GRAMS"** for the latest details on upcoming special and game adaptations also check out our special features including a four-page "Find Your Name In Print" listing over a thousand names or the three-page all-color "Fan Art" not printed in the regular series. ENJOY!

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On another note, we've received tons of letters from **Knuckles** fans asking for another series! Well, starting in **late January 1997, "KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION"** a new three-issue mini-series makes its debut! Just what is the Dark Legion? And what does it have to do with Knuckles' past, present and future? Join Knuckles and his island buddies **The Chaotix** as they prepare for their greatest threat yet! More revelations will be made on the mysterious history of the Echidnas, including Knuckles' lineage as **"Guardian of the Floating Island!"** ***Bonus:*** *All three covers combine to make one big image! Collect all three!*

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W'SUP, READERS? I'M SONIC, YOUR "FASTER" OF CEREMONIES!

AND I'M SALLY! WELCOME TO THE T.U.F.F. AWARDS! T.U.F.F. STANDS FOR "*THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM FIGHTER*!"

AND TUFF IS ALSO WHAT IT IS IF YOU *DON'T WIN!* HEH! HEH! HEH!

DID YOU WRITE THIS CORNY MONOLOGUE, ROTOR?

SORRY, BUT I WAS TOO BUSY TAPING TO THINK OF ANYTHING FUNNY, SONIC!

TUFF

ANYWAY, AFTER EACH AWARD WE'LL BE SHOWING A CLIP OF THE WINNER IN ACTION, TAPED BY OUR CAMERAMAN, ROTOR!

THE 1ST ANNUAL T.U.F.F. AWARDS

DON'T TELL ME...THE *SEALED* ENVELOPES?

ARF!

TUFF

THE FIRST AWARD GOES TO THE "*FASTEST* FREEDOM FIGHTER"... ME! AHEM WHAT A SURPRISE! AND HERE IS A CLIP OF... *HEY!*

ZZZ!

ROTOR, WHAT *IS* THIS?

YOU RUN *TOO FAST* FOR MY CAMERA, SONIC, SO I USED A TAPE OF YOU "FAST" ASLEEP!

TUFF

UH... RIGHT! OUR NEXT AWARD GOES TO THE "*STRONGEST* FREEDOM FIGHTER", BUNNIE! HERE SHE IS DEMONSTRATING HER... HUH?

POP!

JAM

YOU CALL THAT STRONG, ROTOR?! SHE'S OPENING A JAR OF GRAPE JAM!!

THAT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO, SONIC! BESIDES, IT'S *HARD* TO OPEN A STUCK JAR!

≥SIGH≤ HERE'S OUR "*BRAVEST* FREEDOM FIGHTER", TAILS, GOING FACE TO FACE WITH ... A *MOSQUITO*?!

THWACK!

... AND OUR "*MOST LOYAL* FREEDOM FIGHTER, ANTOINE

YES! I KNOW WHO ATE ALL OF ZE DOUGHNUTS! BUT I WILL *NEVER* TELL!.. ≥URP≤ EXCUSE ME!

... AND OUR "*SMARTEST* FREEDOM FIGHTER" AWARD GOES TO...

I'LL TAKE THAT, SONIC...

TUFF

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK *YOU'RE* THE "SMARTEST FREEDOM FIGHTER", SAL?

SIMPLE...

BZZT!

TUF-

I JUST *PULLED* THE *PLUG* ON THIS *STUPID AWARDS SHOW!*

OH! *WAY* PAST SMART, SAL!

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SORRY, YOUR LEAFINESS, BUT IT WAS NECESSARY TO *CAMOUFLAGE* OURSELVES...

...SO THAT WE COULD SNEAK UP ON THE FREEDOM FIGHTER KNOWN AS "BUNNIE" AND PLANT A *TRACKING DEVICE* ON HER!

GET IT, SIR? "*PLANT*" A DEVICE ON HER!

QUIET, BEGONIA-BRAIN! SHE'S *WAKING UP!*

YAWN

THAT WAS A HONEY OF A NAP! AH'LL HEAD FOR HOME NOW!

WE'LL TRACK HER FROM A DISTANCE, SNIVELY, AND SHE'LL LEAD US STRAIGHT TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTER'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

SOON...

MY STARS! THESE WEEDS SURE HAVE GROWN SINCE AH WAS HERE LAST!

THIS IS WHERE MY *ROBOTIC LIMBS* COME IN MIGHTY HANDY!

PERHAPS WE SHOULD GO *AROUND* THE WEEDS, SIR! THEY'RE RATHER *TALL!*

NONSENSE! WE'LL DASH RIGHT *THROUGH* THEM!

FOLLOW ME!

THERE! I *TOLD* YOU A FEW WEEDS COULDN'T HURT ME!

MAYBE SO, SIR...

...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE *SMALL ANIMALS HIDING* IN THE WEEDS?

OW

LATER...

SHE'S CROSSING THE LAKE BY BOUNCING ON THOSE RUBBER PLANTS!

BRRRR! I HATE SEEING SOMEONE HAVE SO MUCH FUN!

BOING!

BOING!

BOING!

LET'S GO, SNIVELY! ANYTHING A FREEDOM FIGHTER CAN DO I CAN DO!

OF COURSE, SIR! JUST REMEMBER NOT TO JUMP TOO...

HAH!

WHUMP!

K-RASH!

BWOING!

...HARD!

GET...OW!..ME...OW! ...DOWN...OW!..FROM ...OW!..HERE...OW!.. ...SNIVELY!

RAT-TAT

TAT-TAT

MILES LATER

HUFF! HUFF! WHY DID WE HAVE TO CHOOSE A *RABBIT* TO PLANT THE TRACKING DEVICE ON!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, LOOK...

...SHE LEAPED ACROSS THE GORGE! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, EVEN FOR A PERFECT PHYSICAL SPECIMEN LIKE *YOU*, SIR!

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT THIS TIME, SNIVELY!

THUNK!

AS LONG AS SHE'S WEARING THE TRACKING DEVICE SHE CAN'T ELUDE US! WE'LL RETURN TO ROBOTROPOLIS...

PUT TOGETHER AN ARMY OF 'BOTS TO ATTACK KNOTHOLE... AND TAKE OFF THESE STUPID COSTUMES!

AH THOUGHT AH HEARD SOMETHING FALL WHEN AH LANDED... *THERE* IT IS!

HMMM! LOOKS LIKE ONE OF MY LITTLE OL' CIRCUITS FELL OFF! AH'LL PICK IT UP AND...

HEY! THAT AIN'T *FOOD*, SUGAH!

NOW AH'LL NEVER GET THAT GIZMO BACK! THOSE LITTLE CRITTERS DIG FOR *MILES* UNDERGROUND!

ZIP

AH'D BETTER GET *HOME*!

MUCH LATER...

...BUT SIR, WE'VE BEEN DIGGING FOR *HOURS*!

QUIET, YOU IDIOT! THE TRACKING DEVICE PINPOINTED KNOTHOLE AS BEING SOMEWHERE UNDERGROUND AND I'M GOING TO *FIND* IT... IF WE HAVE TO DIG *FOREVER*!

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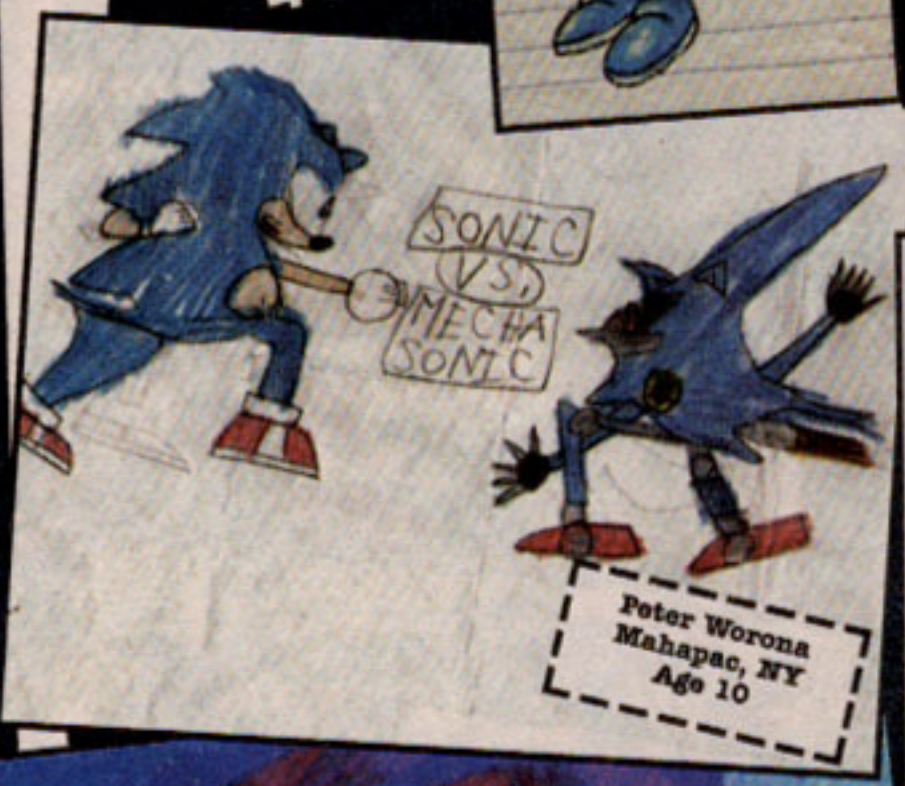

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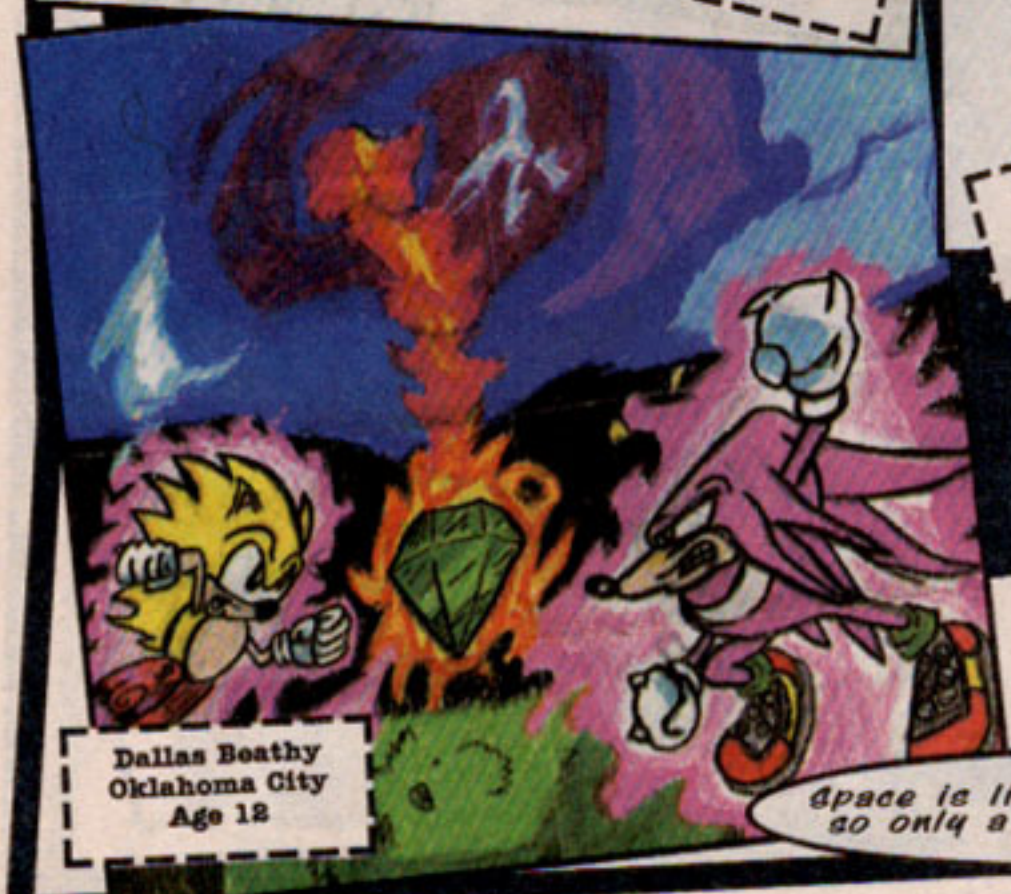

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